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The Honorable Ronnie Abrams
U.S. District Court Judge, S.D.N.Y.
Thurgood Marshall
United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square, Courtroom 1506
New York, NY 1007

Re: Masten v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., et al., 18-cv-11229 (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Abrams,

We write on behalf of all parties regarding the timing of the parties' submission of the joint letter and case management plan described in of the Court's Order dated December 12, 2018 [ECF 13].

As the Court is aware, Your Honor's Individual Rules & Practices (at 2(b)) provide that the parties should jointly file a letter and case management plan "one week prior" to the Initial Case Management Conference. On December 12, 2018, the Court scheduled the Initial Conference for February 15, 2019, and so ordered submission of the joint letter and case management plan on February 8, 2019. *See* [ECF 13].

On December 19, 2018, the Court adjourned the date of the Initial Conference until March 1, 2019. *See* [ECF 21]. However, the Court did not explicitly reset the deadline for the parties to submit the joint letter and case management plan by a commensurate amount (*i.e.*, until February 22, 2019, one week before the new Initial Conference date). Accordingly, notwithstanding the general policy set forth in the Court's Individual Rules & Practices, the joint letter and case management plan technically remain due as of today's date (February 8).

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In light of this potential confusion, and in an abundance of caution, the parties respectfully request that the Court formally reset the deadline for submission of the joint letter and case management plan to February 22, 2019, in accord with Rule 2(b) of the Court's Individual Rules & Practices. (Should the Court prefer an earlier submission of the parties' joint letter and case management report, the parties are, of course, happy to do so.)

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duh", written in a cursive, stylized font.

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cc: All counsel of record by ECF